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## News Release

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### **Lt. Governor Kinder Honored by Missouri Bicycle Federation** *Receives "Distinguished Service to Missouri Bicycling Award"*

**JEFFERSON CITY** – Lt. Governor Peter Kinder today was honored by the Missouri Bicycle Federation and given the "Distinguished Service to Missouri Bicycling Award" during a ceremony on Tuesday morning.

"I am honored to have been recognized by my fellow cycling enthusiasts," said Kinder. "I remain dedicated to helping promote the sport of cycling through this year's Tour of Missouri professional bike race."

Kinder serves as chairman of the Missouri Tourism Commission.

"This award recognizes Lt. Governor Kinder for his accomplishments in last year's inaugural Tour of Missouri," said Dr. Brent Hugh, executive director of the Missouri Bicycle Federation. "The Lt. Governor's dedication in promoting cycling throughout the state has made him Missouri's number one bicycle advocate."

In 2007, the Tour of Missouri brought in \$26.2 million in tourism dollars throughout the state. An estimated 367,566 saw the Tour of Missouri at some time during the six stages, with more visitors expected this year.

The 2008 Tour of Missouri will be held September 8-14, and will feature stops in St. Joseph, Kansas City, Clinton, Springfield, Branson, Lebanon, Rolla, St. James, Jefferson City, Hermann, St. Charles and St. Louis.

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